INCIDENT REPORT - SUPPLEMENTAL

Reporting Department: Worcester Police Department (WPD), Patrol Division

Date of Report: May 20, 2025

Date of Incident: May 8, 2025 (Note: This date is consistently displayed on all WPD officer bodycam footage. The actual date of the incident is reported by WPD as May 20, 2025, indicating a potential discrepancy or setting error in the recording devices.)

Time of Incident (Approx.): 11:16 AM (Derived from bodycam timestamps)

Location: Eureka Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01608

Agencies Involved:

- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Worcester Police Department (WPD)

WPD Personnel Involved/Reporting:

- Officer Patrick Hanlon (Bodycam: AXON BODY 4 D01AB494T)
- Officer Shauna McGuirk (Bodycam: AXON BODY 4 D01AB259U)
- Officer Juan Vallejo (Interactions noted)

Individuals Involved (Partial List):

- **Arrested Subject 1:** Sarai Rivera (Worcester City Councilor)
    - Charges: Interfering, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Assault and Battery on a Police Officer.
- **Arrested Subject 2:** Unidentified Female
    - Charges: (Assumed similar, related to challenging arrests and alleged assault on officer).
- **Witness/Involved Party:** Joe Petty (Worcester City Councilor)
- **Detained by ICE (Primary Subject of ICE Operation):** Rosane Ferreira de Oliveira (Not arrested by WPD in this incident, but her detention by ICE was the catalyst).
- **Other Involved Parties:** Unidentified ICE Agents (including one in an ERO vest), various unidentified protestors/community members.

Incident Narrative:

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at approximately 11:16 AM (per bodycam timestamp displayed as May 8, 2025), Worcester Police Department (WPD) officers, including P. Hanlon and S. McGuirk, responded to Eureka Street to support/assist U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents conducting an operation to apprehend individuals.

Upon arrival and during the course of the federal operation, a crowd of protestors and community members gathered, including Worcester City Councilors Sarai Rivera and Joe Petty. Protesters challenged the authority of the ICE agents and WPD officers, demanding the presentation of judicial warrants for the detentions and arrests.

Councilor Joe Petty identified himself and questioned a WPD officer (Hanlon) about WPD's involvement with ICE and the presence of warrants. During this exchange, Officer Hanlon reportedly pushed Councilor Petty and grabbed his arm. When Councilor Petty stated, "You're supporting them. They have not shown any warrants!", Officer Hanlon responded, "They have the jurisdiction… they don't need a warrant."

Councilor Sarai Rivera was particularly vocal in protesting the ICE operation and questioning the lack of a presented warrant. Subsequently, Councilor Rivera was forcefully apprehended by a group of officers, including ICE agents and WPD personnel. During her arrest, an unidentified ICE agent was heard stating, "We do not need to show you a warrant for this arrest." Some observers alleged that an ICE agent (wearing an ERO vest) pulled Councilor Rivera's hair during this arrest. Councilor Rivera appeared distressed and was later attended to by EMS for an ankle complaint and reported being sprayed with an unknown liquid by another protestor. She was charged by WPD with Interfering, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, and Assault and Battery on a Police Officer.

A second unidentified female protestor, who had also been challenging the arrests and demanding warrants, was subsequently taken into custody by WPD officers, including Officer Juan Vallejo. This subject allegedly sprayed an officer with an unknown liquid from a bottle and appeared to resist being placed into a vehicle. She was forcefully taken to the ground by WPD officers and handcuffed.

ICE agents were the primary actors in the initial apprehension of their target subject(s) and leading individuals to federal transport vehicles. A silver Ford Edge with New York license plate HTJ-9330 was noted as being used by federal agents for detainment and transport; the legitimacy of this plate was questioned by observers. WPD provided perimeter support and assistance as altercations with the crowd escalated.

Key Observations & Concerns Noted from Bodycam Review:

- **Date Discrepancy:** All WPD officer bodycam footage consistently displays the

date as May 8, 2025, conflicting with the reported actual incident date of May 20, 2025. This indicates a potential systemic issue with bodycam date/time settings.

- **Warrant Demands:** Multiple individuals, including elected officials, repeatedly demanded that ICE agents present judicial warrants.
- **Statement on Warrants by ICE:** An ICE agent explicitly stated a warrant was not needed for "this arrest" (referring to Councilor Rivera's arrest).
- **Use of Force:** Force was used in the arrests of Councilor Rivera and the second female protestor by both ICE and WPD personnel. Allegations of excessive force (hair pulling by an ICE agent) were noted.
- **WPD's Role:** The extent of WPD's active involvement and physical assistance in arrests stemming from a federal civil immigration operation, while elected officials contested the legal basis (lack of presented judicial warrants), raises questions regarding adherence to Worcester's 'Safe City' policies and protocols for inter-agency cooperation.

Further Action:

This report will be supplemented with detailed individual officer reports, witness statements (if any), and further review of all available bodycam footage. The discrepancy in bodycam dates requires administrative review.

End of Report

Camera	Timestamp (approx.)	Link (Placeholder - Replace "VIDEO_ID_CAMERA_NAME" with actual Video ID and Camera)	Brief Description & Concern
Hanlon (PD)	**0:40 - 0:46**	**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_HANLON&t=40s**	**Councilor Joe Petty identifies himself, questions WPD officer about ICE jurisdiction/warrants. Officer physically pushes Petty, grabs his arm. Concerns: Potential excessive force against an elected official seeking information; accountability for WPD's role in supporting federal action without clear warrant presentation; adherence to 'Safe City' policies.**

Hanlon (PD)	**2:02 - 2:12**	**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_HANLON&t=122s**	**Petty: "You're supporting them. They have not shown any warrants!" Hanlon: "They have the jurisdiction… they don't need a warrant." Concern: WPD officer asserting ICE's authority to act without presenting judicial warrants to local officials. This undermines local oversight, due process for residents, and potentially contravenes Worcester's 'Safe City' intent.**
McGuirk (PD)	**3:31 - 3:39 (Hanlon (PD) ~0:59 - 1:12)**	**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_MCGUIRK&t=211s https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_HANLON&t=59s**	**Councilor Rivera forcefully arrested. An ICE officer appears to pull her head/hair (officers then try to intervene). Protesters yell she's hurt. Concern: Apparent excessive force during an arrest by federal agents with WPD assistance. WPD's duty to ensure lawful conduct and prevent excessive force by any agency in its jurisdiction. Arrest of an elected official protesting raises heightened concerns about rights and police conduct.**
McGuirk (PD)	**23:13 - 23:28**	**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_MCGUIRK&t=1393s**	**Woman, after repeatedly asking for warrants and allegedly spraying liquid, is forcefully taken to ground by several WPD officers (incl. Vallejo) and arrested. Concern: Level of force by WPD might be viewed as disproportionate, especially as a response to protests about the perceived lack of a warrant. Questions about de-escalation in charged situations involving constitutional rights queries.**
Hanlon (PD) & McGuirk (PD)	**Entire Incident**	**N/A**	**Overall Concern: Worcester PD's deep involvement in assisting ICE with arrests where the legal basis (judicial warrants) was actively challenged by citizens and two City Councilors. This casts doubt on adherence to 'Safe City' policies, the transparency of WPD's role in federal immigration enforcement, and the protection of due process. Arrest of a City Councilor is especially alarming. The consistent incorrect date on all bodycams raises separate issues of record-keeping and equipment maintenance.**

Supplementary Incident Report Notes

Incident: ICE Arrests & Worcester PD Response, Worcester, MA

Date of Incident: May 8, 2025 (Date per bodycam footage; possible error)

Additional Observations and Concerns:

1. **Vehicle Identification & License Plate:**
    - Unmarked silver Ford Edge observed utilized by federal agents (ICE/CBP) in detaining Sarai Rivera.
    - Vehicle displayed New York license plate HTJ-9330.
    - Legitimacy of said license plate for federal law enforcement vehicle is questionable and requires verification. Potential for unregistered or improperly assigned plate is a concern for accountability and lawful operation of the vehicle.
2. **Statement Regarding Warrants:**
    - Approx. 1:07 (Hanlon's BWC), during Rivera arrest, an ICE agent stated, "We do not need to show you a warrant for this arrest."
    - This statement exacerbated agitation amongst protesters and raised concerns regarding the legality of the arrests.
3. **Allegation of Excessive Force by ICE Agent:**
    - Approx. 3:31 (McGuirk's BWC), an ICE agent (ERO vest) observed pulling Councilor Rivera's hair while she was on the hood of a vehicle.
    - Approx. 0:40 (Hanlon's BWC), Councilor Joe Petty was physically pushed and had his arm grabbed by an officer after identifying himself.
4. **Roles of Agencies Involved:**
    - Federal agents were primarily responsible for physically apprehending and transporting individuals.
    - Worcester PD provided perimeter security and became more directly involved as the situation escalated (e.g., arrest of second female subject).
5. **Concerns Requiring Investigation:**
    - Validity of ICE agents' claims regarding warrant presentation.
    - Use of force employed by ICE agents.
    - Legitimacy of license plate HTJ-9330 on federal vehicle.

Conclusion:

- The incident necessitates further investigation to determine if the rights of Worcester residents and the authority of local officials were upheld during this federal operation.
- The incident highlights the complex and potentially strained relationship between local communities, who are concerned about federal immigration enforcement, and federal agencies.

Chart of ICE/Federal Agent Actions & Statements of Concern (Displayed Date May 8, 2025):

(Note: Bodycams incorrectly display the year as 2025)

Camera	Timestamp (approx.)	Link (Placeholder)	ICE/Federal Agent(s) – Observed Action/Statement & Concern
Hanlon (PD)	1:06 - 1:08	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_HANLON&t=66s	An agent wearing a "POLICE ICE" vest, during the arrest of Councilor Rivera, tells protesters, "We do not need to show you a warrant for this arrest." Concern: This direct refusal to acknowledge the need to present a judicial warrant when challenged, especially to an elected official and in a public arrest scenario, undermines transparency and due process principles that govern arrests in the United States. Worcester is a Safe City and this may violate city ordinances.
Hanlon (PD) & McGuirk (PD)	Multiple instances (e.g., Hanlon 1:10 - 1:25, McGuirk 3:31)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_HANLON&t=70s https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_MCGUIRK&t=211s	The silver Ford Edge used by federal agents to detain and transport Councilor Rivera is equipped with New York license plate HTJ-9330. Concern: If, as alleged, this is a "fake" or improperly assigned plate not legitimately registered to an official federal vehicle for law enforcement use, it represents a serious breach of accountability, transparency, and potentially legality, making it difficult to identify and hold federal agents responsible for their actions on public streets.
McGuirk (PD)	3:31 - 3:39	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_MCGUIRK&t=211s	An ICE agent (vest marked "ERO") is seen pulling Councilor Rivera's hair from the front while she is on the hood of the unmarked vehicle, then adjusting his face mask. Another officer attempts to remove a hand from her head. Concern: Apparent excessive use of force by a federal agent during an arrest. This action appears unnecessary for effecting the arrest and could constitute assault.
Hanlon (PD)	1:00 - 1:20 approx.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_HANLON&t=60s	Multiple federal agents (vests "POLICE ICE," "CBP," "ERO") are physically leading the arrest of Councilor Rivera and escorting her to the unmarked vehicle amidst protester outcry. Concern: While arrests require physical control, the overall demeanor and the collective force projected by multiple federal agents on an individual already being restrained, and who is an elected official, can be perceived as an overwhelming and potentially intimidating show of force.

McGuirk (PD)	**23:05 - 23:16**	**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIDEO_ID_MCGUIRK&t=1385s**	**After a woman sprays an officer (believed to be WPD from prior interaction) with liquid, an officer in plainclothes with a federal-style vest (unclear insignia, but appears part of ICE/federal team) is a primary agent in taking her to the ground. Concern: The level of force and the immediate takedown by a federal agent in response to the liquid spray could be questioned for proportionality, especially in the context of an already agitated protest against a perceived warrantless action.**